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CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP: (HELMS, JESSE A.; THURMOND, STROM)

SUBJECT: PRIVATE TRAVEL OF SENS. HELMS AND THURMOND

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT SENATOR JESSE A. HELMS (R-NC), SENATOR STROM THURMOND (R-SC), AND SENATOR HELMS' TWO LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS, DR. JAMES P. LUCIER AND MR. JOHN E. CARBAUGH, HAVE OBTAINED VISAS TO TRAVEL TO ADDRESSEE POSTS BEGINNING AUGUST 17 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE DAYS EACH.

2. AFTER CONTACTING MR. CARBAUGH OF SENATOR HELMS' OFFICE, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE TRAVEL IS PRIVATE; HOWEVER, APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THEM TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF EACH COUNTRY. MR. CARBAUGH STATED THAT THE SENATORS REQUEST NO PUBLICITY OR PRESS COVERAGE OF THEIR TRAVEL AND THAT PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS. WE
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WERE TOLD ALSO THAT THEY WOULD BE MET ON ARRIVAL.

3. WE HAVE GIVEN MR. CARBAUGH THE EMBASSIES TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND NAMES OF OUR AMBASSADORS AT EACH POST AND

STATED THAT APPROPRIATE COURTESIES WOULD BE EXTENDED
BY THE EMBASSIES SHOULD THEY CALL ON THEM.

3. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS
TO OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION RE THE SENATORS'
ITINERARIES AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE TRIP FROM
THEIR STAFF. DATES OF TRAVEL PROVIDED BY THE PASSPORT
OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: ASUNCION, AUGUST 17-19;
MONTEVIDEO, AUGUST 19-21; SANTIAGO, AUGUST 21-23.

4. WE WILL, OF COURSE, PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION IF
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